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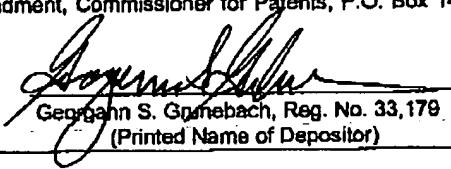
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Re: Serial No. 09/938,443

Attorney Docket No. PD-201116

Please find attached:

- Transmittal Letter for Amendment (1 page)
- Response to Office Action dated December 30, 2004 (14 pages)
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages)
- Substitute PTO Form 1449

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PATENT
Docket No. PD-201116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Douglas A. Cheline, et al. : Date: March 30, 2005
Serial No. 09/938,443 : Group Art Unit: 2144
Filed: August 23, 2001 : Examiner: Olga Hernandez
For: AUTOMATED CONFIGURATION OF A VIRTUAL
PRIVATE NETWORK

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____ . If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ _____

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated December 30, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

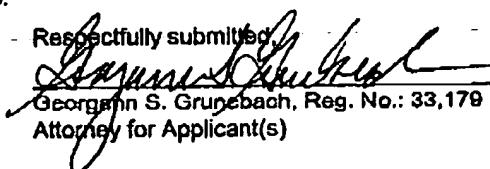
No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
TOTAL CLAIMS 27 minus	27* =	0 x	\$ 18.00	\$	00.00		
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 4 minus	4** =	0 x	\$ 86.00	\$	00.00		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS		0 +	\$ 290.00	\$	00.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: \$ 00.00							

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

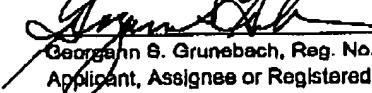

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